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The area planted estimate and fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2025 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025 vrygestel.

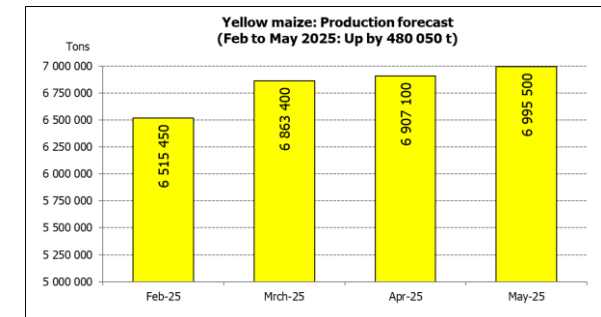
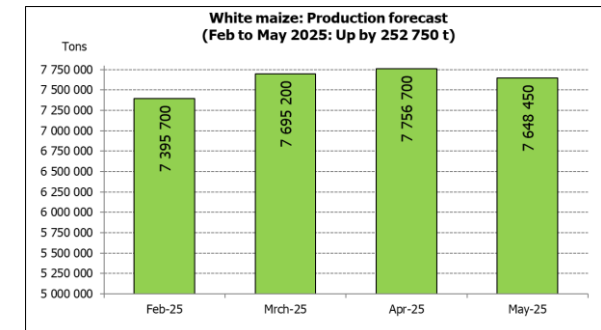
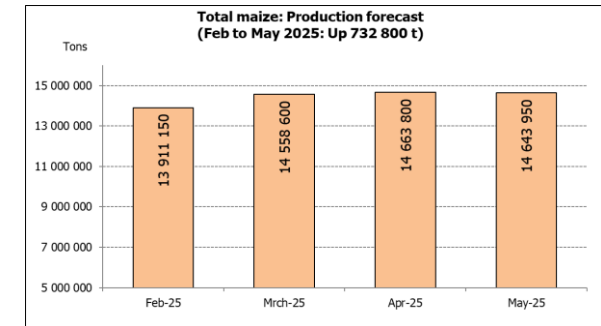
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 599 700	7 648 450	7 756 700	1 554 750	6 055 000	-1,40%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	997 000	6 995 500	6 907 100	1 081 500	6 795 000	1,28%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 596 700	14 643 950	14 663 800	2 636 250	12 850 000	-0,14%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	555 700	727 800	742 800	529 000	632 000	-2,02%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 151 000	2 330 975	2 330 975	1 150 500	1 848 000	0,00%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	48 125	63 510	64 595	41 200	52 000	-1,68%
Sorghum	41 150	137 970	137 970	42 100	98 000	0,00%
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 620	71 415	70 540	39 550	50 495	1,24%
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 438 295	17 975 620	18 010 680	4 438 600	15 530 495	-0,19%
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersieële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	358 000	621 500	621 500	347 000	575 000	0,00%
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 954 700	15 265 450	15 285 300	2 983 250	13 425 000	-0,13%

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2024/25 = 2025

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2024/25 = 2025



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2025			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2025			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			Final crop/ Finale oes 2024		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	3 500	3 700	1 900	32 900	34 800	250	3 500	3 750	2 300	32 200	34 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 750	648 900	667 650	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 900	648 900	667 800
Free State/Vrystaat	850 000	345 000	1 195 000	3 867 500	2 018 250	5 885 750	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 385 000	1 992 000	5 377 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	28 000	34 000	41 400	210 000	251 400	6 000	27 000	33 000	40 800	191 700	232 500
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	66 000	116 000	305 000	567 600	872 600	47 000	67 000	114 000	286 700	576 200	862 900
Mpumalanga	162 000	362 000	524 000	1 004 400	2 534 000	3 538 400	160 000	360 000	520 000	984 000	2 490 000	3 474 000
Limpopo	10 000	18 500	28 500	69 000	149 850	218 850	11 000	15 000	26 000	74 800	120 000	194 800
Gauteng	55 000	57 000	112 000	341 000	399 000	740 000	54 000	62 000	116 000	292 500	415 500	708 000
North West/Noordwes	465 000	75 000	540 000	1 999 500	435 000	2 434 500	440 000	90 000	530 000	970 000	328 500	1 298 500
Total/Totaal	1 599 700	997 000	2 596 700	7 648 450	6 995 500	14 643 950	1 554 750	1 081 500	2 636 250	6 055 000	6 795 000	12 850 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	2 300	2 000	4 600
Free State/Vrystaat	264 500	383 525	255 000	354 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	1 400	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	1 000	2 000	300	600
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 625	3 500	4 900
Limpopo	90 000	90 000	90 000	63 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	2 500	3 000
North West/Noordwes	195 000	243 750	175 000	200 500
Total/Totaal	555 700	727 800	529 000	632 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	7 000	1 200	4 380
Free State/Vrystaat	565 000	1 101 750	545 000	688 960
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	15 675	5 300	14 310
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	173 900	47 000	173 900
Mpumalanga	315 000	598 500	320 000	624 000
Limpopo	16 500	51 150	21 000	72 450
Gauteng	52 000	109 200	56 000	84 000
North West/Noordwes	148 000	273 800	155 000	186 000
Total/Totaal	1 151 000	2 330 975	1 150 500	1 848 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 100	8 525	4 200	8 610
Free State/Vrystaat	21 700	29 295	17 000	26 305
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	175	228	300	495
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0
Limpopo	1 650	2 888	1 700	4 590
Gauteng	0	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	21 500	22 575	18 000	12 000
Total/Totaal	48 125	63 510	41 200	52 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	12 800	44 800	11 500	19 740
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	600	100	300
KwaZulu-Natal	100	380	100	350
Mpumalanga	9 200	43 240	8 300	36 520
Limpopo	13 000	30 550	18 000	35 100
Gauteng	850	3 400	100	390
North West/Noordwes	5 000	15 000	4 000	5 600
Total/Totaal	41 150	137 970	42 100	98 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	200	100	220
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	950	2 185	500	900
Free State/Vrystaat	17 500	21 875	13 500	10 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	400	200	440
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	3 900	2 100	2 730
Mpumalanga	2 320	4 060	2 600	4 680
Limpopo	11 100	23 310	12 200	23 790
Gauteng	950	1 235	850	935
North West/Noordwes	9 500	14 250	7 500	6 000
Total/Totaal	45 620	71 415	39 550	50 495

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting (*if in-person meeting*)
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 14:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**AREA ESTIMATE AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2025 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 MAY / MEI 2025**

Summer field crops – 2025

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial **maize crop** has been set at 14,644 mill. tons, which is 0,14% or 19 850 tons less than the previous forecast of 14,664 mill. tons. The expected yield for maize is 5,64 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 13,96% or 1,794 mill. tons larger than the 2024 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 81% of the 2025 crop.

The production forecast of **white maize** is 7,648 mill. tons, which is 1,40% or 108 250 tons less than the 7,757 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for white maize is 1,600 mill. ha and the expected yield is 4,78 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the production forecast is 6,996 mill. tons, which is 1,28% or 88 400 tons more than the 6,907 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for yellow maize is 997 000 ha and the yield is 7,02 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Free State and North West provinces were mainly based on scientific and objective results provided by the ARC.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 727 800 tons, which is 2,02% or 15 000 tons less than the previous forecast of 742 800 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 555 700 ha, while the expected yield is 1,31 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** remained unchanged at 2,331 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 1,151 mill. ha, with an expected yield of 2,03 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop has been set at 63 510 tons, which is 1,68% or 1 085 tons less than the previous forecast of 64 595 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 48 125 ha, with an expected yield of 1,32 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 137 970 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 41 150 ha and the expected yield is 3,35 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast increased by 1,24% or 875 tons, from 70 540 tons to 71 415 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 620 ha, with an expected yield of 1,57 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2025 will be released on 27 June 2025.

Information is available on the internet at [http:// www.dalrrd.gov.za/old website/statistics](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/oldwebsite/statistics) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

Somergewasse – 2025

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële **mielie-oes** is op 14,644 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,14% of 19 850 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 14,664 milj. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs van mielies is 5,64 t/ha.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 13,96% of 1,794 milj. ton meer as die 2024-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 81% van die 2025-oes produseer.

Die produksieskatting van **witmielies** is 7,648 milj. ton, wat 1,40% of 108 250 ton minder is as die 7,757 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir witmielies is 1,600 milj. ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 4,78 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die produksieskatting 6,996 milj. ton, wat 1,28% of 88 400 ton meer is as die 6,907 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir geelmielies is 997 000 ha en die opbrengs is 7,02 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die LNR.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 727 800 ton, wat 2,02% of 15 000 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 742 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 555 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,31 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 2,331 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 1,151 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 2,03 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is op 63 510 ton gestel, wat 1,68% of 1 085 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 64 595 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 48 125 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 137 970 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 41 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,35 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting verhoog met 1,24% of 875 ton, vanaf 70 540 ton na 71 415 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 620 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,57 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025, op 27 Junie 2025 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/old website/statistics](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/oldwebsite/statistics) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.**

The non-commercial agricultural sectors’ production estimate for maize for 2025 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2025 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2025

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2025 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	275 150	439 700	267 570	407 500	+7,90
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	82 850	181 800	79 430	167 500	+8,54
Maize/Mielies	358 000	621 500	347 000	575 000	+8,09

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 358 000 ha, which represents an increase of 3,17%, compared to the 347 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 621 500 tons, which is 8,09% more than the 575 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 46,75% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 20,88% and then Limpopo with 20,65%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 358 000 ha, wat ’n toename van 3,17% verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 347 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 621 500 ton, wat 8,09% meer is as die 575 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 46,75% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word, gevolg deur KwaZulu-Natal met 20,88% en dan Limpopo met 20,65%.

